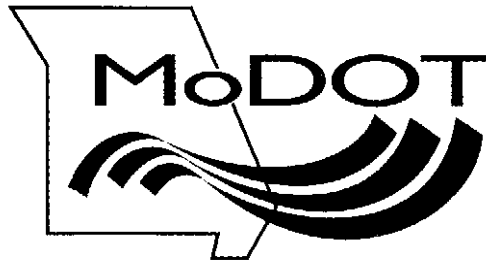


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Dear Local Agencies:

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has updated the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction to performance-based specifications, which means a specific construction method is no longer required in most cases. The new specifications will take effect with the July 2004 project letting. The 1999 specifications will be available for a short time.

The intent of performance-based specifications is to show contractors how the end product should perform over time without hindering innovative solutions. The contractors are expected to provide the end product using fair and applicable construction methods they deem appropriate for the project.

Although local agencies are not required to use MoDOT specifications, they are required to provide their own. Local agencies using MoDOT specifications will need to begin using the new specifications with new projects and with projects that have less than two-thirds of the design phase complete. However, projects being built within this construction season may continue the use of the 1999 specifications.

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